De-cluttering is the secret to an organized home

Everyone has a pantry that could be organized more efficiently, or a spice drawer that could use a little attention, but whipping your home into shape actually has more benefits than simply visual appeal. Experts say that an organized space may, in fact, reduce stress and create a more enjoyable living environment.

"Clearing the clutter not only allows for a more attractive space in the home or office, but creates a more manageable lifestyle," says Hellen Buttigieg, a certified professional organizer, life coach and author of Organizing Outside the Box. "My clients are shocked to find how dramatically an organized space can reduce stress and free up time to engage in more meaningful activities."

To avoid the energy-drain and dysfunction of clutter, there's an easy solution: start labelling. Try a compact, easy-to-use label maker such as the Brother P-Touch PT-D200 model.

According to a new Léger Marketing national survey, commissioned by Brother Canada, 75 per cent of moms agree that implementing a labelling system in the home or office would make life easier and save time in the long run. Take a look at these ideas for different places in your house:

Kitchen

• Label spices. Avoid licking your finger every time you need to choose between sugar or salt.

• In the pantry, label specific types of flour, baking products, pasta, and cereals so the family knows what they are pulling out, and make meal prep easy.

• Store and organize instruction manuals and warranty cards in a file folder, label and sort according to each room in the home.

• Keep track of permission slips, registration forms, and schedules in a file folder. Label a tab for each family member and organize by sporting activities, school events, medical information, and other important paperwork that needs to be accessible in a snap.

Home Office

• Keep tax information organized for easy reference. Label files in the cabinet for receipts according to month; subcategorize by type of expense: medical, transportation, business expenses, etc.

• Neatly store unused power cords in a basket and label to identify which device each cord belongs to.

Laundry Room & Front Entrance

• Personalize hooks in the laundry room so kids know where to drop their backpack, raincoat, and scarf when they arrive home from school.

• Label baskets for scarves, hats and gloves to make winter dressing a breeze.

www.newscanada.com

Century 21. FINE HOMES & ESTATES

GoodaleMillerTeam
CENTURY 21 MILLER REAL ESTATE LTD. BROKERAGE
905-845-9180 · 1-888-462-4851 · GoodaleMillerTeam.com

CUSTOM BUILT LUXURY HOME – $5,995,000
On Blue Springs Golf Course. 13,000 sq ft of luxury living with 5 car garage, 5 bedrooms, all with ensuites & balcony access, separate guest suite, custom walnut millwork through out, 2 laundry rooms, 4 season sunroom, main lvl master suite, fully finished lower level with heated floors, walkout, custom wine cellar, walk-in fridge & freezer, den, games & entertainment rooms, Gunite pool, & more.

LUXURY LIVING MEETS FINE RESTORATION – $2,299,000
Gorgeous c1850's home rebuilt stone by stone in 2008. Enjoy yesterday's charm with all of today's conveniences. Over 4700 sq ft of living space. Large principal rooms, custom kitchen with high end appliances, geothermal heating/cooling system, hardwood floors, two fireplaces. Master bedroom with ensuite plus private terrace overlooking 97 scenic acres. Just north of the 401 near Campbellville.

95 ACRE ESTATE – $1,899,000
Breathtaking 95 acre private estate. Beautifully restored 1840's stone main house replete with hand hewn beams & large lofted principal rooms. Long, private driveway winds through an arch of trees & landscaped rolling grounds. Pool, tennis court & horse jumping pit/track. Second house for groundskeeper with 2 bedrooms, kitchen, bath.

IDYLLIC 97 ACRE FARMLAND – $1,698,000
Restored 1860s stone farmhouse on 97 acres of multi-use farmland. This "Napier Simpson" designed home boasts rich hardwood floors, custom millwork and hand hewn beams. All the elegance of yesteryear with today's amenities! In-ground pool, cabana, 3 car garage, workshop with 3 phase hydro for hobby enthusiast. 2 barns, 21 stalls with indoor arena, sand ring, loafing shed, paddocks -a fully operating equestrian estate property!

Don Goodale
Sales Representative

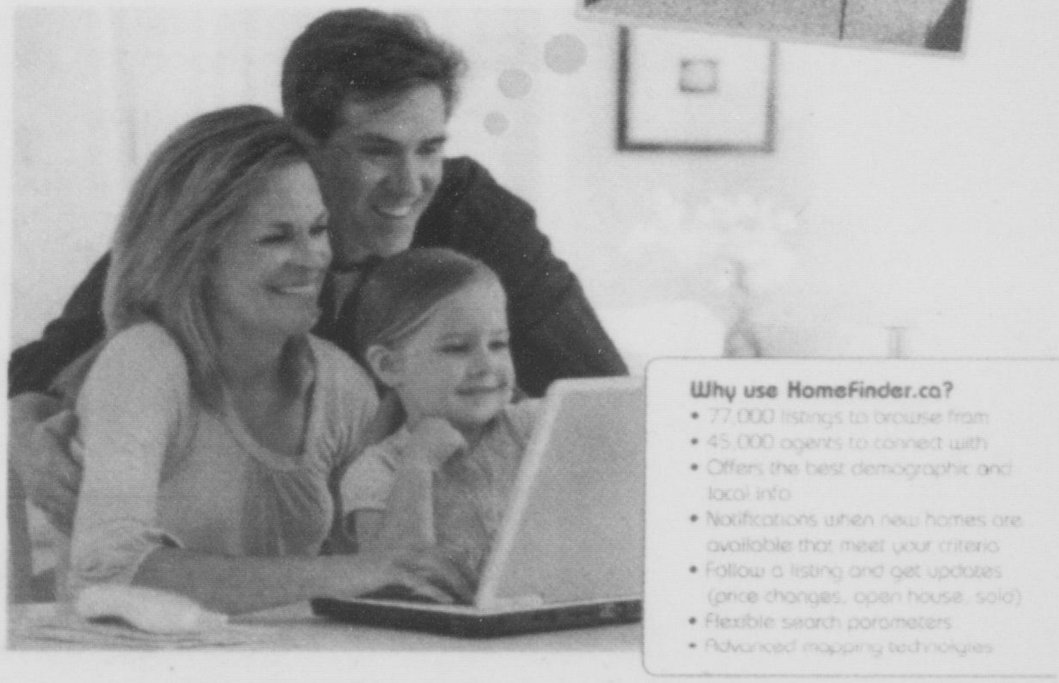
Brad Miller
Broker

#1 Team in Canada for Century 21 2012
2011 2010 2009 2008 2007 2006 2005 2004 2002
Our 10th time earning this distinction!

Independently owned and operated.

Experience. Integrity. Results.

Find your PERFECT match!



Why use HomeFinder.ca?
• 77,000 listings to browse from
• 45,000 agents to connect with
• Offers the best demographic and local info
• Notifications when new homes are available that meet your criteria
• Follow a listing and get updates (price changes, open house, sold)
• Flexible search parameters
• Advanced mapping technologies

HomeFinder.ca
a division of Metroland Media Ltd.

To advertise and for more information, contact Diane Wolstenholme at 905-878-2341 ext. 212 or email dianew@miltoncanadianchampion.com